

Thursday, July 16, 1885.

From Washington, D. C.

July 7th, 1885.

MR. EDITOR.—As I revisited the capital I saw several Kansans, among them were Judge Sharp, of Council Grove, who has considerable business with the Secretary of the Interior, Land and Pension officers, and Hon. John Martin, who has a room full of applications from friends in Kansas for appointments. I also had an interview with U. S. Dist. Attorney Perry, Gen. Rogers and the brother of our esteemed townsman, Hon. Ralph Burton, who I found to be a courteous and estimable gentleman, and may possibly soon be a citizen of Kansas, if he is not promoted to a better position. Judge Sharp is a whole-souled gentleman, and all Kansans coming here on any business in connection with governmental affairs should not fail to call on him. As an advocate he has no equal, being honest, true and vigorous in his work. I have also seen Mrs. Hendricks, who is an accomplished and estimable lady, has a multitude of friends, a great conversationalist and is here in the interest of her daughter for the position of Post Master of Abilene.

I had an introduction to President Cleveland at the White House. There is something to admire when you come in the presence of the President which gives the visitor an assurance that he is welcome by his cordial shake of the hand, his pleasing smiles, his honest, truthful and determined countenance, his patriotic bearing and powerful physique, enable him to discharge the executive duties honestly and impartially to all. He is really a great man. Some dissatisfaction is manifested by visiting politicians owing to the delay in the Post Office and Interior Departments of the government for not displacing partisan republicans. I hope those looking for positions will bear with the heads of departments and be patient, for in due time the republican places will be filled by democrats.

Washington is, without question, one of the handsomest cities in the world; and the parks are termed orchards because they are frequented with so many pairs in the evenings.

Many changes have taken place in my old home, Brooklyn. The most of my old associates have passed away and everything seems new and strange. I begin to feel lonesome and am anxious to return to my western home. I would not exchange Abilene for a home in any place in the East, and will leave here for Kansas Wednesday the 8th, via Albany and Chicago.

Your Reporter., J. J. R.

## Chapman Items.

Quite a number of strangers have visited this section lately who are looking up homes. They cannot find a better location than Dickinson county.

G. W. Murphy has resumed the painting business and is doing some tasty sign work, especially that elegant "shining" with the frog in the corner, and a bug over its open mouth, having the suggestion "drop in" made in small letters.

We have a fine architect located here at present, and all those who desire his services will call on Frank Moffett. One of his drawings can be seen at the Abilene Bank, and Messrs. Otis Thisher and Thomas Howe can attest the superiority of his workmanship. Give him a call when needing plans and specifications.

Don't forget the Grand Picnic to be given on the 12th of August by the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

There were so many managers and leaders on the 4th of July just past, that things got considerably mixed and went rather slow, part of the time at Hogan's Grove. Every one of these leaders and managers "knew it all" and each one managed for himself and the result of the whole 4th was a losing one for "the band that got up the affair. Unfortunately, every enterprise that this "band" has attempted for the last year or more, has proved a failure, and all for the want of a good manager. A half dozen poor tools will not take the place of one good one, especially in such matters.

Work on the new steam elevator has already commenced. It is to have a capacity of 1500 bushels. A solid stone foundation is now being finished and the building will soon be erected.

New potatoes are getting cheap and the market is well supplied with fine cabbages and beets. Only a few cucumbers have yet appeared and the prices are high.

One can secure all the fish desired if they will put out sufficient hooks and bait in the Smoky Hill or Chapman Creek rivers. The quality so procured is not as good as the trout and white fish brought on ice from the northern lakes.

The 4th of July fire-works were postponed until the evening of Friday of last week, when their exhibition was followed by a dance for the benefit of the band. The fire-works were very good and displayed from the top of the railway water tank.

E. E. Sparks, at his own and his father's residence at the Sparks block, made an exceedingly fine display on our last 4th of July. Flags and bunting were floating from the flag staff and windows, and the decorations showed much artistic skill. In fact, Ed. doesn't do things by halves, but goes in to make his undertakings a success. He is one of the neatest painters in town, as the many signs where he has handled the brush will attest. Go and find Ed. Sparks if you want an elegant job.

On the 12th day of next August there will be one of the grandest affairs which Chapman has ever witnessed. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 1, will have a Grand Picnic in Hogan's Grove. The exercises will commence at 9 a. m., continuing all day. Under the shady old forest trees there will be plenty of seats, tables, stands, games and in fact everything inaugurated to make the day pleasant that is in accordance with propriety and good conduct. Hundreds from other towns and cities who belong to this order will be present to assist in the program, and the Order of Hibernians, cordially invite ladies and gentlemen to visit and partake of the festivities of the day with them. There is no doubt this will be the finest affair of the season.

It is stated that Postmaster-General Vilas decided to set apart the two weeks following the Fourth of July for the purpose of disposing of a large number of presidential post-offices. It is to be hoped that he will give the office at this place his prayerful consideration in that time. Bro. Hodge is ready to step down and out whenever he is invited to do so.

## Delinquent Tax List

OF  
DICKINSON COUNTY, KAN.

STATE OF KANSAS, ss

Dickinson County, I,

To All whom it may Concern:

NOTICE is hereby given that the following described lands and lots, situated in the County of Dickinson and State of Kansas, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose, will on the 1st day of September, 1885, be sold at public auction, in the forenoon, by me at public auction, in the County Treasurer's office, at Abilene, Kansas, for the payment of taxes and charges thereon for the year 1884, unless the same shall be paid before the said day of sale:

FLORA TOWNSHIP.

8 1 acre

J T Blevins w h s e q

4 1 1 1 154

W H Taylor n w q

12 11 1 154

Geo Dakin s h s w q and s h e q

20 11 1 154

EDWARDVILLE TOWNSHIP.

6 12 1 157

J H Kennedy s h n w q

12 12 1 157

A L Taylor s h s e q

13 1 1 157

H Reimer s h s e q

14 12 1 157

Mary Foster s h s e q

15 12 1 157

Mary L Keifer n w q

21 12 1 157

James Carroll s h s e q

22 12 1 157

E L Johnson s h s e q

27 12 1 157

W M Garten n h n w q

29 12 1 157

John Korodoff s h s e q

30 12 1 157

Stephen Baldwin s h s e q

31 12 1 157

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP.

2 13 1 157

Lauder McDonald s h s e q

2 13 1 157

K McNaugh n h s e q and c h n w q

2 13 1 157

M Metcalf n h w q

2 13 1 157

R N Smith c h s w q and w h s e q

2 13 1 157

G P Briggs s h s e q

2 13 1 157

B R Sheldon s h s e q

2 13 1 157

A B Sweet n e q

2 13 1 157

H Gerten n e q

2 13 1 157

Edson B Stevens n w q and F 13 1 157

15 1 1 157

part of sec 17

Mrs Buchanan parts of sec 17

2 13 1 157

Abbie Clemens lots 1 and 5

2 13 1 157

H Burns lots 1

2 13 1 157

John Burns lots 4 and 5

2 13 1 157

Wm Burnam h s w q and s h q

2 13 1 157

C N Blair s h s w q

2 13 1 157

Mary Howerton part see

2 13 1 157

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP.

4 14 1 157

P Rugh w h s w q

4 14 1 157

J K Green s h s w q and s h n w q

22 14 1 157

D W Rose s h s w q

27 14 1 157

W H Meseve s w q

30 14 1 157

John Belcher n w q

30 14 1 157

Robert Belcher n w q

30 14 1 157

A N Stephenson s e q

30 14 1 157

Levi Dunn se q

15 1 1 157

A E Osborne h s q

12 16 1 157

George Heitman s h s e q

12 16 1 157

Tom Morrison n h s e q

16 16 1 157

H H Feed e h s e q

18 16 1 157

John Kelley nw q

20 16 1 157

Frank Bourland s h s e q

21 16 1 157

Ann Miller Hines n h n w q

25 16 1 157

Joseph Harris n e q

25 16 1 157

Gardner Hines n e q

32 15 1 157

S H Johnson n h s e q

32 15 1 157

F C Mills s h s e q

32 15 1 157

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP.

U P R Co se q

1 16 1 157

Jas Gorley n h s e q

1 16 1 157

Harrington s h w q

1 16 1 157

J C Cooper e h s e q

1 16 1 157

U P R Co se q

1 16 1 157

E Chan s h s e q

1 16 1 157

Spicer Spencer h s e q

1 16 1 157

W A Cornick sw q

1 16 1 157

Archie Teel e h s e q

1 16 1 157

Charles Weiman n w q

1 16 1 157

W 46 Mather n w q and s w q

1 16 1 157

James Dunn s w q

1 16 1 157

Angela Arnold h s e q

1 16 1 157

John Ettinger h s e q

1 16 1 157

G C Wilson h s e q

1 16 1 157

S C Kellogg s h s e q

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